

NORTH COAST INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

January 2005 Update

- **Memorandum of Mutual Understanding** - To date more than 35 public agencies and non-governmental organizations have become signatory to the North Coast IRWMP Memorandum of Mutual Understandings.
- **Public Workshops** - Public workshops have been held in Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino and Del Norte counties and drew representatives from cities, counties, special districts, non-governmental organizations, tribes, as well as interested citizens. A workshop was held in Sonoma County on January 13th from 9-11 am at the Steele Lane Community Center in Santa Rosa. A joint Siskiyou/Modoc county workshop is slated to be held later this month. The workshops have focused discussion on the status of Proposition 50 grant funds and the development of a North Coast IRWMP pursuant to Chapter 8 of Prop 50, and have provided an overview of the region, process, partners, and short and long-term goals.
- **Website** - The North Coast IRWMP website is live and can be accessed at www.northcoastirwmp.net. Because of the large region being covered, the diversity of groups participating, and the accelerated timeframe associated with the development of a North Coast IRWMP, we have developed an interactive website as a mechanism for ensuring that all project partners and interested public in the region are able to stay informed, provide input and upload project applications. The website provides regular e-mail updates to those who choose to receive them, also provides an opportunity for review of the North Coast IRWMP draft plan, projects proposed in the region and a calendar of workshops and other relevant events.
- **Projects** - North Coast IRWMP participants are currently uploading projects via the website for consideration in the NC IRWMP. The deadline for project applications is February 15th.
- **Technical Review Panel and Advisory Committees** - Currently, each North Coast County is appointing two County Supervisors, or their designees, to the North Coast's IRWMP Technical Review Panel and convening countywide advisory committees to provide input to each county's designee. The initial North Coast IRWMP Review Panel meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20th in Arcata, CA. Some RP agenda items include discussion around grant application submission, contracting, prioritization framework, and overall feedback on how the North Coast IRWMP process is going.
- **North Coast IRWMP Outline** - Staff and consultants are currently working on a draft outline of the NC IRWM Plan and expect to have a draft available for review among the North Coast partners in late January.